



Fair Oaks Station  
Fairfax Virginia

## Crime Line

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A Community Information Newsletter by the  
Fair Oaks District Station,  
Fairfax County Police Department

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## Fair Oaks District Station's School Resource Officers



**SRO Pat Berling, SRO Nate Laney, SRO Bill Goulart, SRO Todd Juris, SRO Rick Call, SRO Tim Burgess, SRO Brad Wrobel and SRO Tom Edmonston.**

These Fairfax County Police Officers serve as full-time School Resource Officers at the following schools: Chantilly High School, Westfields High School, Stone Middle School, Rachel Carson Middle School, Rocky Run Middle School, Mountain View Alternative Middle School, Centreville High School and Franklin Middle School.

Their primary mission is to provide a safe environment for the students and staff of the Fairfax County School in which they are assigned. This program's demonstrated success is a partnership between education and law enforcement to support a collaborative, problem solving approach to the epidemic growth of violence in schools nationwide.

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## School Resource Officer Program

The Fairfax County Police Department's School Resource Officer Program, in cooperation with Fairfax County Public Schools, was implemented in 1992. The program involves the assignment of a police officer to a school on a full or part-time basis. The goal of the Department to assign a School Resource Officer (SRO) to each of the County's high schools as been reached and has also begun assigning officers to the intermediate schools throughout the County.

As a mentor, the SRO establishes a rapport with the students to allow for open lines of communication. The SRO assumes primary responsibility in handling all calls for service from the school, to include enforcement and deterrence efforts. The SRO monitors cultural and social influences and activities to ensure prevention or early intervention of developing gang structures.

The critical element of the SRO program is the relationship between the SRO, the school principal, and the school staff. Information exchange is vital and includes discussion of current crime trends, problem areas, cultural conflicts or any other area of concern that may cause disruption at the school or in the community.

We commend our SRO's for their time vested in playing such a vital role in the security our children's futures.

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## CAC

All are invited to attend the Citizen's Advisory Committee's first meeting of the year on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p. m. at the Chantilly Regional Library. See you there!



## **MODIP** **Mature** **Operators'** **Driver** **Improvement** **Program**

***This is a special program offering driving tips directed toward the older drivers in our community.***

The most over-represented age groups involved in traffic crashes are teenagers and the mature drivers. Each year, data shows age has a significant role to play in traffic deaths and injuries. Inexperience in our youth and reduced capabilities in older drivers are only some of the possible causes of these crashes.

Virginia residents, 55 years of age and older, now can learn about the issues surrounding the mature driver and how this age group can cope with the demands they face behind the wheel.

This AAA-sanctioned course is presented by certified Fairfax County Auxiliary Police Officers and highlights safety behind the wheel for the mature driver. Completion of these classes entitles the participant to a Virginia Commonwealth-mandated insurance premium reduction.

### Class topics include:

- ◆ *How to manage vision changes, night driving, and signs*
- ◆ *How to compensate for changes in road conditions*
- ◆ *How to anticipate and respond to driving emergencies.*

The next MODIP class will be offered January 24, 2003, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Supervisor Frey's office at 5900 Centreville Road. Call APO Mike Szedlock at 702-280-0621 for more information. \$10.00 per person covers the cost of materials.



**ATTENTION  
ALL  
COORDINAT  
ORS!**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Fair Oaks District Station's Neighborhood Watch Program's Coordinator's quarterly meeting.

Your presence is respectfully requested to attend this important meeting. If you cannot attend, please have your alternate attend on your behalf.

Join Crime Prevention Officer Liz Barrington on February 11, 2003 at 7:00p.m. Call 703-352-2163 to confirm the location.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you in the New Year!



**Its name says it all!** This program was developed in 1993 by the National Rifle Association in response to women nation-wide who requested crime prevention and personal safety information. In the beginning, the program was presented only to women, by women who had been certified as instructors. However as the program grew, the program recognized its relevance for both men and women, emphasizing public safety education.

The Fairfax County Police Department in cooperation with the National Rifle Association offers this seminar. Topics range from home, physical and automobile security to travel tips and self defense physical training. If your business or

organization would like to schedule this seminar please contact PFC Liz Barrington at 703-352-2163.

*We invite you to join us for the next seminar on February 4, 2003, 7p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center.*

## New year's Safety Tips



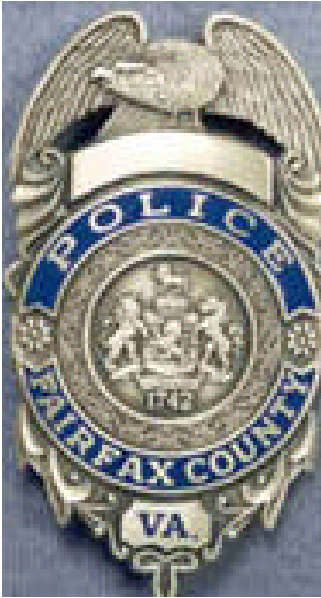
- Don't drink and drive
- Don't let friends drink and drive
- Don't get in a car if the driver's been drinking
- Designate a driver who will not drink
- Wear your seat belt, instruct others to wear theirs
- Be sure to seat small children in approved car seats
- Drive defensively, watch for drunk drivers
- If you are alone, rather than drive after drinking too much, call a cab or have someone call one for you. Many cab companies offer free rides on New Year's Eve.
- Drink alcohol slowly. Give your body time to absorb the effects.
- Eat before and while you drink to slow down the absorption of alcohol in your system.
- Nothing sobers up a drinker **except time!** Do not rely on coffee, cold showers or fresh air.
- Many drugs, including over-the-counter and prescription medications, may cause side effects when mixed with

alcohol. Heed seriously warning labels on medications such as pain relievers, cold and cough medicines, tranquilizers and stimulants.

- Maintain a zero tolerance for drinking and driving.

- To learn more, contact MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving) at [www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org).

The Fair Oaks District Station wishes you a safe holiday season. You can reach us at 703-591-0966. Remember for non-emergencies to dial 703-691-2131 and 911 for emergencies.



## Fairfax County Police Department invites you to consider volunteer opportunities.

### AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

The Fairfax County Police Department Auxiliary Unit is seeking volunteers. The unit consists of unpaid volunteers who are trained to perform a variety of operational support and administrative assignments within the Police Department. Some of the duties performed by Fairfax County auxiliary officers are: **Patrol; Traffic control; Security of prisoners; Communications; Desk assignments; Fingerprinting; Crime Prevention and Special events.**

### VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES (VIPS)

The VIPS mission is to provide administrative augmentation to the Police Department by utilizing the skills of non-salaried, non-uniformed volunteers. The selection, appointment and tenure of VIPS personnel will be determined by the Chief of Police.

To be eligible, VIPS personnel must be: at least 21 years of age; be in good physical health; pass a police background check and pass an interview with police supervisors. There is no maximum age limit for service in this program, provided the individual is physically fit to perform the duties assigned. Every effort will be made to assign volunteers according to their desires and the needs of the Department.

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## Upcoming Events!

**January 21 CAC**

**January 25 MODIP**

**February 4 Refuse to be a Victim**

**February 11 NWP Coordinators**

